

HOUSE RESOLUTION 100
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Buster Turner upon his exemplary musical career.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who, through their sterling musical talents, bring great joy and inspiration to their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Buster Turner of Claiborne County is most assuredly a man with music in his soul, as his name is synonymous with not only country and bluegrass music, but also with gospel music; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shoemaker Holler near Clouds Switch in Claiborne County, Buster is the son of Dayton and Sally Rice Turner; and

WHEREAS, he is fortunate to share love and companionship with his true and faithful wife, the former Harriet Pierce, who was his childhood sweetheart; and

WHEREAS, the Turners are the proud parents of Jim, L.E., Eddie, Glen and Darrell; their daughter Darlene went to be with the Lord in 1962; and

WHEREAS, although he has experienced his share of hardships and heartaches, Buster Turner has remained true to his musical heritage and devout in his faith in the Lord; and

WHEREAS, a proficient picker on the guitar, banjo, mandolin and violin, Buster's traditional, yet expressive, songs often bring tears to a listener's eyes and transports the listener, through the magic of his music, to faraway places or long ago dreams; and

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WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Mr. Turner has rubbed shoulders with many of the finest players in country and bluegrass music, including Archie Campbell, Mac Wiseman, Larry McNeely, Johnny Cash, Roy Acuff, Dolly Parton, Martha Carson, Dallas Gregory, the Stanley Brothers, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, more than once, Bill Monroe talked in favor of Buster playing guitar in his band; and

WHEREAS, Buster has deftly exercised his many musical talents as a member of several bands and quartets, including the Honeycutt Brothers, the Clouds Quartet, the Pinnacle Mountain Boys, the Singleton Family, the Gospel Way Boys and the Gospel Three; and

WHEREAS, this fine Christian gentleman feels that God has blessed him far beyond worldly riches with a wonderful, caring family and a boundless love for music; and

WHEREAS, one of Buster's greatest joys is teaching music to others, and he has been highly regarded and widely acclaimed, as well as actively employed as a music instructor for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, he also takes great pleasure in broadcasting the Sunshine Gospel Jubilee on one of Tazewell's local radio stations; and

WHEREAS, Buster's beautiful and inspiring song, "Beautiful Altar of Prayer" was recorded by Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver and has reached the number one position on the gospel, bluegrass charts; this excellent composition has earned Mr. Lawson a nomination for the Dove Award in Gospel Music; and

WHEREAS, ever the devoted family man, Buster Turner has revealed that the inspiration behind "Beautiful Altar of Prayer" is his mother, who prayed so diligently for her son; and

WHEREAS, his love of God is evident in each of his endeavors in music and in life, and Buster Turner should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Buster Turner on his exemplary career in music, congratulate him on the success of his fine song, "Beautiful Altar of Prayer," and commend his Christian life of devotion, faith and virtue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.